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Date 15 1 5 1948

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanello Air Base, Italy Command or AF 15th AF
Group 464th Bomb. Gr. (H) Squadron 778th Bomb. Sq. (H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure Pantanello Air Base Italy Course 320°
Target ALLACH Type of Mission Bombing
Germany

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
6/10 ALTO-CUMULUS: TOPS 14000'

GIVE: (a) Date 19 July 1944 Time 1145B Location 47°10'N; 12° 0'E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: (x) Last Sighted () Last Contacted by Radio
() Forced Down () Seen to Crash; or
() Information not available.

AIRCRAFT AS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
() Enemy Aircraft () Enemy Anti-Aircraft (x) Other circumstances as follows: unknown

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-G AAF Serial No 42-78339

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series B 1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) BP 432223
(b) CP 325589 (c) BP 432409 (d) BP 432223

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)

(a) <u>BROWNING 50CAL L Nose 1249379</u>	(b) <u>BROWNING 50CAL R Nose 1249344</u>
(c) <u>BROWNING 50CAL L Upper 985375</u>	(d) <u>BROWNING 50CAL R Upper 978740</u>
(e) <u>BROWNING 50CAL L Ball 1249084</u>	(f) <u>BROWNING 50CAL R Ball 985188</u>
(g) <u>BROWNING 50CAL L Waist 977780</u>	(h) <u>BROWNING 50CAL R Waist 978112</u>
(i) <u>BROWNING 50CAL L Tail 1248885</u>	(j) <u>BROWNING 50CAL R Tail 985554</u>

PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: () Battle Casualty () Non-Battle Cas.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers none Total 10
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	MARK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
RTD PTP	MACDONALD	J JR	1st Lt. O-814505	Thomas J. MacDonald, father 5900 Spruce, Philadelphia, Pa.
RTD CP	RUCIGAY	C	2nd Lt. O-820069	Mrs. Mary G. Rucigay, (wife) 6043 Putnam Ave, Ridgewood, L.I., New York
RTD N	LIDIAK	E	2nd Lt. O-712858	Mr Joseph Paul Lidiaik father 74 Berkley Ave, Lansdowne, Pa.
RTD B	DENISON	O	2nd Lt. O-698966	Mr. Duane A. Denison, (step) St 2, Box 807, Lindsay, Calif.
RTD NG	GARIN	E	T/Sgt. 19122266	Henry Pierce Garin, father 25 Winham Street, Salinas, Calif
RTD ARG	WEIK	O	S/Sgt. 37513933	Mrs. Frances M. Weik, wife 1128 Line Street, Topeka, Kansas.
RTD BOG	HOWARD	W	T/Sgt. 26563226	Maudie Howard, mother 233 Hickory, Clawson, Michigan

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S T A T E M E N T

19 JULY 1944

I, STAFF SERGEANT MELVIN M. GEE, UPPER TURRET GUNNER,
IN LT RICHARDSON'S AIRPLANE, SAW LT McDONALD'S PLANE
(WHITE "T") SWERVE OUT OF FORMATION OVER MUNICH, GERMANY,
AND HEAD IN THE DIRECTION OF SWITZERLAND.

Melvin M. Gee

MELVIN M. GEE
S SGT 39096906
778TH BOMB SQ(H)

Incl 1

S T A T E M E N T

19 JULY 1944

I SAW A B-24 PEEL OUT OF THE FORMATION OVER MUNICH. HE SEEMED TO BE UNDER CONTROL WHEN HE LEFT THE FORMATION. THE SUN HINDERED ME FROM SEEING THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE AIRPLANE ITSELF. THE PLANE HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF SWITZERLAND. I WAS FLYING IN LT RICHARDSON'S AIRPLANE.

Clark H. McQueen

SGT CLARK H. MCQUEEN
3645 320, BALL GUNNER
773TH BOMB SQ. (H)

Incl 2'

STATEMENT

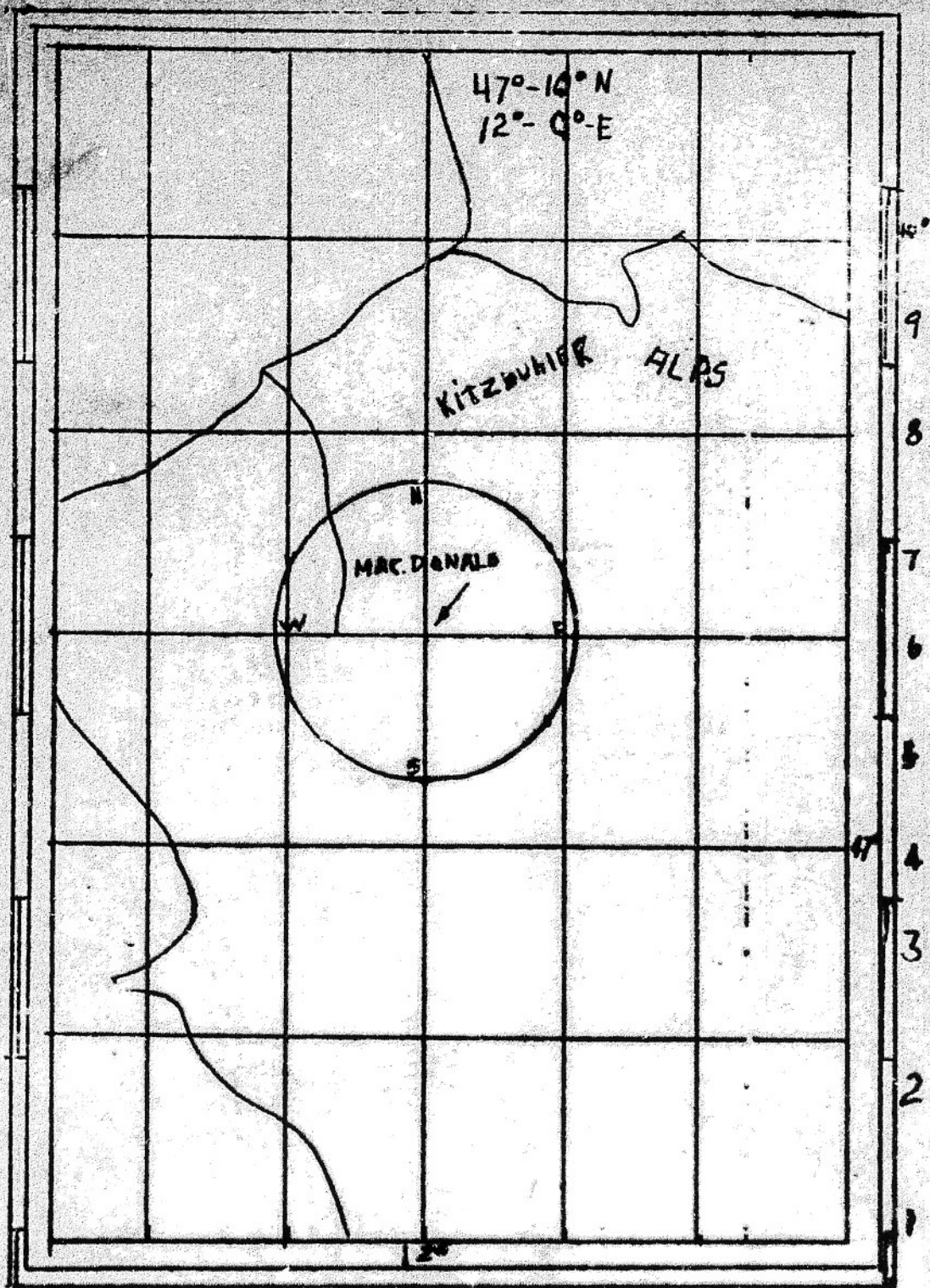
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I, STAFF SERGEANT EDWARD J. VOIGHT, RIGHT WAIST GUNNER, IN LT RICHARDSON'S AIRPLANE, SAW AN UNIDENTIFIED PLANE PEEL OUT OF FORMATION OVER MUNICH. IT SEEMED UNDER POSITIVE CONTROL AS I WATCHED IT WITH THE AID OF BINOCULARS. WE WERE ABOUT 1200 TO 1500 YARDS FROM THE PLANE AND THE REFLECTION OF THE SUN HINDERED THE IDENTIFICATION OF ITS MARKINGS. THE PLANE HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF SWITZERLAND.

Ed. J. Voight

EDWARD J. VOIGHT
S SGT 36340394
778TH BOMB SQ. (H)

Incl 3'



Incl 4'